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AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPER

C O N F I D E N T I A L MANILA 9225

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC, RP(GOULD, FRANK)

SUBJECT: W/W FRANK GOULD

REF: STATE 157917

1. PAUL VAN BUREN VISITED EMBASSY JULY 3 AND CONFIRMED HIS SUS-
PIONS ALONG LINES EXPRESSED CEBU'S 0046 REGARDING SUBJECT'S
DISAPPEARANCE, THEN IN TURN OF EVENTS, HE TELEPHONED EMBASSY
TODAY AND SAID THAT ON SATURDAY, JULY 5, WHILE CONSULTING WITH
NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, HE MET A MUSLIN NAMED AKDAM
AMLIH, A RELATIVE OF ABDULRAHMAN HASABULLA, A MEMBER OF
THE MUSLIM BROTHERHOOD ASSN. WORKING ON A NCC PROJECT AT
BUNGAO, TAWI TAWI. ACCORDING TO VAN BURAN, AMLIH IDENTIFIED
GOULD BY HIS PHOTOGRAPH AND REPORTED HE LAST SAW HIM JUN 12,
1975 ON A BOAT CALLED THE J.Q. VOB TRAVELLING FROM JOLO TO
SITANKI, TAWI TAWI. ACCORDING TO VAN BUREN, AMLIH HAS NO
KNOWLEDGE OF GOULD'S PRESENT WHEREABOUTS AND COULD ONLY SUGGEST
THAT HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN CONSIDERING TRAVEL TO MALAYSIA.

2. BECAUSE OF POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION FROM PHOTO AND DES-
CRIPTION OF GOULD AS WRITER TAKING NOTES ON THE BOAT TRIP,
VAN BUREN BELIEVES INFORMATION RELIABLE.

3. EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED NCC MANILA TO LOCATE AMILIH FOR
CONFIRMATION AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

4. IN VIEW LATEST DEVELOPMENT, TEXT OF LETTER PROPOSED REFTEL
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CONSIDERED INAPPROPRIATE AT THIS TIME. EMBASSY AND CONSULATE

CEBU WILL CONTINUE INTENSIVE EFFORTS TO DEVELOP FURTHER
INFORMATION. PURNELL

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